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And Consequently the

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From *RUINE.*

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THe Designer having long sadly considered the great Dishonour and Prejudice this Nation receives by sending the Sons of our prime Nobility and Gentry too early into *France*, before they are well-principled in Religion, and practized in active Vertue at Home; He believed he could not do a greater Service to *GOD*, his *KING* and Country, than to set forth a Model, or Method pursuant to that end.

And forasmuch as nothing is more Essential and Conservative of the Weal and Happiness we see and enjoy within this Island, Wall'd, Water'd, Warm'd and Enrich'd with the Daily Flowings of the Sea, than that the Successive Nobless, and infinite Gentry of His *MAJESTIES* Kingdoms and Dominions, stand Qualified and Enabled to serve His *MAJESTY* substantially in the Support of the Crown and Government, by an Exemplary Life and Behaviour to the rest of their Fellow-Subjects, and Foreigners flocking to Us: And that Experience hath shewed how Troublesom, Dangerous and Costly it hath been, and is sure long to be, for our Young Nobility and Gentry to be sent Abroad raw, with or without Governours and Tutors, or Servants, ere they be Principl'd and Season'd in good measure at Home; have Languages, Exercises, and competent Judgment to use their Travels with Advantage; as may appear by the following Disparities.

A Short Survey of Profitable Disparities, incident to the Design of This ACADEMY.

WHereas Noblemens and Gentlemens Sons are not sent beyond Sea at any Age, but under a very sensible Charge, and Yearly Expence, and are the more exposed to the Humours, and self-concerned Practises of Strangers, being at great distance from Home:

THey will in this *Academy*, close to *London*, be entred from their Parents own Laps and Coaches, unchargeably and safely, and will be there cherisht as their tenderness may require, and observed how they profit, and grow capable for Travel, secured so long from the Plots and Humours of unknown and unseen Teachers, and Debaucheries in Religion and Manners, till reasonably confirmd in both.

Whereas

WHereas at *Paris*, and other *Academies* beyond the Seas, our Noblemen and Young Gentry are not much esteemed, if they spend not 5. or 600 *l. per ann.* apiece, at the least, and more as they advance in Age:

THey may in this *Academy* Learn twice as much, and be better Treated for two thirds, with full Reputation; and by consequence in five or six Years save at least so much as they will need to spend in their Travels Abroad, if requisite.

WHereas Diseases are frequentest upon Youth from 15. or 16. Years Old downwards, and more afflictive to Parents, and dangerous to themselves, when overearly shifted to a Foreign Climate:

THe like Accidents will be more tolerable and hopeful for recovery in this *Academy*; whence, as occasion presses, Patients will be easily removed to Parents, Friends, Bath, and Change of Air, till they can Travel in a more confirm'd state of Health.

WHereas some of our Neighbouring and Remoter Countries have undervalued and dis-esteemed our Noblemen and Young Gentry, sometimes for not having Lived or Studied in ther *Academies:*

BY this Seasonable Frequentation of our (hoped) Incomparable One at Home, we shall soon be quit with them, and draw over the whole Reputation to Ours, as much as our Universities carry the Bays away from all that are in the World besides.

These Previous Arguments, besides the Love of my Country, with the Encouragements following, made me, to my great Charge and Trouble, set up this Method of Breeding at *Piccadille:* which as soon as it was made Practicable, was Obstructed by certain Persons, whom I forbear yet to mention, reserving them for another time and place: Hoping now all Noble and Generous *PATRIOTS* will give Assistance to so Worthy an Undertaking; and have their Names Recorded in the Book of Fame for True Lovers of their Country.

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To the KINGS Most Excellent MAJESTY:

The Humble PETITION of EDWARD PANTON, Your MAJESTIES Servant:

SHEWETH,

THat the Petitioner, *out of a just Zeal to the Glory of* GOD, *and the Service of Your* MAJESTY *and Kingdoms, doth humbly Propose the Erecting of a Society at* Chelsey, *or in some other Convenient Place near* London, *to be, by Your Gracious Favour and Commands, made capable, and Encouraged to Train up here at Home, the Generous Youth of Your said Kingdoms, securely, in all Manly good Sciences and Exercises; to which any Young Gentlemen from beyond the Seas, may also resort for the same purpose.*

Now to the end this Proposal, which several of the Nobility *and* Gentry *are ready to give a happy Beginning unto, and do exceedingly want the Benefit of, to Initiate and Season their Sons, before they step into Sway and Liberty, may take the more speedy Effect:*

May it please Your most Sacred MAJESTY, *to bestow upon the said Intended Society, the Honour to call it,* Your Royal Academy; *and that a Warrant be issued in good form, signifying Your Will and Pleasure to Mr.* Attorney *and* Sollicitor General, *or one of them, to prepare a Bill for Your Royal Signature to pass the Great Seal, containing Your* MAJESTIES *Grant of such a Society to be forthwith Erected and Settled at* Chelsey, *or elsewhere conveniently near* London, *bearing the Name of* Your Royal Academy, *to consist of Your Petitioner, as Regent thereof for his Life; and of a competent number of Fellows, to be desired, by him, out of the Body of the* Royal Society, *and other Personages of Learning, Quality, and known Reputation; together with able and trusty sufficient Officers within the said* Academy, *to be a Body Politick, Active and Passive, to all the Ends and Purposes before intended, for ever; capable of Gifts, Legacies and Endowments, Real and Personal, Pleading, and being Impleaded, in as full and ample manner as by Patent heretofore was Granted, or intended to be Granted unto Sir* Francis Kynaston *Knight, deceased, by Your* MAJESTIES *most Royal Father, of Immortal Recordation, in the Eleventh Year of His Reign; and comprehending such further Expressions and Clauses, Priviledges, Immunities, Provisions and Grants to the said* Academy, *Regent and Members thereof, as Your said* Attorney *and* Sollicitor General, *or either of them, with the Petitioners Council Learned, shall advise to be most Legal, and conducing to the Erection, Subsistence and Increase of this* Your Royal Academy: *Vouchsafing to that end, unto the present, or first and future Regents, Liberty to Chuse and Imploy a sufficient Deputy; and to Intercede with the most Reverend Father in GOD, His Grace the* Lord Archbishop, *Metropolitan of* England, *and the* Lord Chancellor, *or* Lord Keeper *of the Great Seal* pro tempore, *or one of them, that upon any emergent great Occasion, requiring Visitation and Change, or Amendment*

of the Local Rules and Statutes which the ſaid Regent, with his Aſſiſting Council, have from time to time made for the Good and Advantage of the ſaid Academy, *on due Supplication, and Notice thereof in Writing preſented, their* Lordſhips, *or one of them, be eſpecially Willed by Your* MAJESTIES *Order, finally,* de plano, *to determine all ſuch Grievance, or Matter of Change or Amendment, and to be for ever Friends and Protectors of this Your* Royal Academy and Foundation. *Where Your Indulgence is humbly craved for Gentlemen alſo, Strangers born, and reſorting to this* Academy *from any Kingdoms or Countries beyond the Seas, in Amity with Your* MAJESTY, *That they, and their Servants, may be Received, Accommodated and Trained up in all the ſaid Sciences and Exerciſes, Conforming to the Rules and Statutes with our Intended Students there.*

All which the Petitioner humbly ſubmits to Your Sacred *MAJESTIES* good Will and Pleaſure;

And ſhall ever Pray as in Duty bound, *&c.*

At the Court at Whitehal, 4. Febr. 1668.

HIS *MAJESTY* being Graciouſly Inclined to Encourage this Deſign, as Tending to the Laudable Education of Youth, and Good of the Publick; is pleaſed to refer this Petition to Mr. *Attorney* and Mr. *Sollicitor General*, or to either of them, to conſider of the Nature of the Thing, the Propoſals made, and the Power and Priviledges deſired to be granted: And upon the whole, to make Report to His *MAJESTY* of their Opinion, how far His *MAJESTY* may Gratifie the Petitioner; and then His *MAJESTY* will declare His further Pleaſure.

Arlington.

May it pleaſe Your MAJESTY,

WE *have, in Obedience to Your* MAJESTIES *Commands, conſidered of this Petition to Us referr'd: And having heard the Petitioner at large touching the Nature of the* Academy *by him endeavoured to be ſet up, and the whole Method and Deſign of that Education of Youth which he propoſeth to be obſerved; We do humbly conceive that the ſame is worthy of all Encouragement, and may prove very Uſeful to Your* MAJESTIES *Service, and ſo not unfit to be Honoured with the Title of,* The Royal Academy. *And we do humbly conceive, that the Erection of ſuch an* Academy *will be no way contrary to the Laws or Statutes of Your* MAJESTIES *Kingdom, nor any way prejudicial to the Rights or Liberties of any of Your Subjects, or of any Corporation, or Publick Society whatſoever. All which we humbly ſubmit,* &c.

G. PALMER.

10. April, 1668. HENEAGE FINCH.

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The Royal Academy,

TO be Settled at *Chelſey*, or ſome other Convenient Place near *London*, is to be Framed to an Exact Method for the Well-breeding and Education at Home of the

Youth of Condition,

Natives within this of *England*, and other His MAJESTIES Kingdoms: To fit them for the Service

Of GOD,
Of the KING, and
Of their Country.

With Freedom for any

Youth of Quality

alſo from Parts beyond the Seas, to be admitted Students with Us, under the Rules and Inſtitutes of this our *Academy*. The Inſtitutes whereof will conſiſt of Two Diſtinct

Parts, or Schools:

The FIRST,

For Youth from VIII. Years Old to X.

The SECOND,

For Youth and Young-Men under XX. Years of Age.

The ſpace of time for their Aboad and Continuance in both Schools, not to exceed Three Years; except for Reaſonable Cauſes. And in each of theſe Schools to be

Three Forms, or Claſſes;

In which the Students not to ſtay paſt One whole Year, except for Cauſes as before.

Schol. 1. *Ann.* 1.

THe Firſt Year the ſaid Youngeſt Students are to be carefully Principled in

Religion and *Morality*;

and Taught to ſpeak

Latin, *French*, or
Other Languages,

according to their Parents Deſires, or the Childrens Propenſity and Capacities. Alſo,

Fair Writing, *Arithmetick*,
Dancing, *Behaviour*, *Fenceing*,
Shooting with all ſorts of Bows,
Wreſtling, *Swimming*, &c.

Schol. 1. *Ann.* 2.

THe Second Year, ſuch as pleaſe may begin to Study

Greek,
Inſtrumental and *Vocal Muſick*,
Arithmetical Deeper Rules, with
Mathematical Introductions, and
Triangle-Doctrine,
Turning, and other Elegant
Mechanicks:

Not intermitting the Principles and Exerciſes before ſpecified.

Schol. 1. *Ann.* 3.

THe Third Year they are to proceed, to be perfect in, as before,

Latin and *French*;

To Study

Heraldry, *Architecture*,
Opticks, and Other
Liberal Sciences:

Conſtantly heeding to Speak & Write Proper and Short,

Without Tautology or Repetition.

Then

Then will follow the Second School, for Young Men.

Schol. 2. *Ann.* 1.

IN this Second School will be no other Speech familiar, but

Latin, *French*,
Italian and *Spaniſh*;

And there will be Taught the further *Sciences*, and what belongs to perfecting their *Exerciſes* aforeſaid. Alſo,

Riding, with the
Manage of Warlike Arms,
Drilling, *Embattailing*,
Fortification, and
Surveying Lands.

Schol. 2. *Ann.* 2.

ALL this to be further Studied, Exerciſed, and Cultivated. And now will be laid the Elements of

Navigation, *Drawing*,
Painting, *Graving*, *Etching*;
The Uſe of both Globes,
Maps,
Inſtruments and *Books*;

Eſpecially thoſe relating to the ſit Knowledge of His *MAJESTIES* Kingdoms and Dominions; with the

Antiquities, *Nature* and
Cuſtoms thereof;

All the ſaid *Exerciſes* mean while duly proceeding.

Schol. 2. *Ann.* 3.

THe Third Year, all theſe *Sciences* and *Exerciſes* to be more exactly Compleated in every Student, as his Genius and Abilities diſpoſe him.

For it is to be preſumed, that by this time theſe Students will be rendred capable

Of Univerſity-Learning,
Of the Inns of Court,
Of Attendance at Court,
Of Imploy in the Army or Navy,
Or *To Travel beyond Sea with Credit and Profit*;

And ſo Fortified againſt Evil Impreſſions, which Undiſciplin'd Youth are frequently enſnared withal in other Countries.

For it is intended, That in every Form or School and Claſſis, *HISTORY* ſhall be conſtantly Read and Expounded in the Learned and other Languages before ſpecified, ſuitable to the Level of the School and Scholars.

And that the Hours of Riſing and Going to Reſt, Prayer, Studying, Exerciſe, Refection, Diſport, *&c.* ſhall be duly apportion'd according to the Seaſons, and Matters to be Treated or Done therein.

As alſo that the Regent, and his Aſſiſting Council, will provide a Sufficient Number of Able Profeſſors, and other Miniſterial Well-qualified Perſons, to perform all this with Order and *Decorum*.

Such Aſſiſting Council, to conſiſt of about Ten or Twelve Learned, Sober, Publick-ſpirited Perſons; by whoſe Advice once a Month, or oftner as need ſhall be, He may from time to time be enabled, with them, to carry on this Work, to *GOD*'s Glory, the Honour and Satisfaction of the *KING*, and the Real Service and Benefit of His *MAJESTIES* Friends Abroad, and Loyal Subjects in His ſeveral Kingdoms and Dominions.

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